1	2	3	4	5
Maharashtra	52		9	14
Chhattisgarh	51		14	191
Orissa	23		17	12
Assam	5		—	—
Andhra Pradesh		55	4	—.
Arunachal Pradesh			1	—
TOTAL:	468	55	95*	77

*The blocks allocated jointly to public sector companies and private sector companies have been indicated in public sector companies account for major share of reserves.

(c) to (e) Blocks are being allocated to private sector companies as per the provisions of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 for specified end uses. A Bill, namely, the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Amendment Bill, 2000, was introduced in the Rajya Sabha to amend the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973. The amendment Bill seeks to allow an Indian company to undertake coal mining without the present restriction of captive end-use.

Allotment of mining work of coal blocks to private companies

1021. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

whether Government has decided to allot the work of mining of 130 coal blocks to private companies;

if so, the total amount of coal in coal-block to be given to these private parties;

whether the Ministry of Coal has set up any authority to monitor these private contractors;

if not, the action plan for the regulation of safety measures, service conditions, social security covers etc. of the contract labourers; and

whether any fordeign company has also been given contract in such mining?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) Out of 172 coal blocks allocated so far, 77 coal blocks with reserves of about 11.68 billion tonnes have been allocated to private sector companies.

The Coal Controller under the Ministry of Coal has been mandated to monitor the development of mines and associated end-use projects.

Mining of coal from captive coal blocks allocated to private companies would also be subject to the same legal and regulatory framework as is applicable in the case of public sector coal mining companies. Coal mining would be subject to, *inter alia,* the provisions of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, the Mines Act, the Coal Mines (Conservation and Development) Act, the Coal Mines Regulations, and the Mineral Concession Rules, and all other mineral, forest, environment, and labour laws governing the mining activity.

No coal blocks have been allocated to a foreign company so far.